

# PUTTING GOD ON TRIAL

Habakkuk 2.18-20 // October 20, 2019

## IDOLS TO REPLACE A FAULTY GOD

When we decide that God is doing a poor job, or His work is faulty, or insufficient for our needs, We turn to idols to replace this faulty God. Though we wouldn't quite say this out loud, it is our nature to desire to make God into our image, rather than let God make us into His image. Though we don't sculpt little statues, we do create a god who is just a figment of our imagination, a god who we create in our mind, forming him and fashioning him not out of metal, but out of our desires and our wisdom.

## THE LORD WILL REPAY

Graciously, God gives us "permission," so to speak, to air our grievances and complaints to Him. He is patient and longsuffering. However, we ought to also, like Habakkuk, resign ourselves to humility, knowing that we'll be rebuked, as a proud and arrogant heart is risking the reception of a "woe" for the one who finds God guilty of sin.

Isaiah 45.9 // Psalm 115.2-8 // Isaiah 64.8, 29.15, 16

## THE TRIAL OF JESUS

The first century Jews had formed the kind of god in their imagination that they wanted to come and save them. And when God did truly come to them, He was not as they expected, nor as they wanted. They put Him on trial, first in their hearts, and then publicly.

But as a lamb led to the slaughter, He kept silent, yet He will not keep silent forever. He will, in His timing, and on that great Day, when He returns from the heavens, descending upon the Mount of Olives, the exact location of where He was put in the dock and betrayed by His own friend, the same location where after rising from the grave, He ascended to the right hand of His Father before many witnesses; in that Day when He returns, He will, with no room for doubt, reveal Himself as the King of kings the Lord of lords, the great Messiah, and all the earth shall be silent before Him.



## NOTES:

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

2 Peter 1:5-7

For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

Elder Candidates:

Tyler Willis and Casey Barnes

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the Memory Verse?

Read Habakkuk 2.18-20. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

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Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Habakkuk 2.20 gives us a great reminder of the Gospel, a big picture ending that some day will come. How does this particular truth give you hope in your current trial, and what does it also show in contrast to the idols that we form that can *not* give us the same hope?

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Repent and Ask for Provision

God does give us a certain "permission" to honestly and plainly bring our concerns, doubts, fears, and even accusations to Him. But we ought to do this, even, with reverence. Read Isaiah 45.9. The clay accuses God of forgetting handles, he is unsatisfied with God's work in his life and thinks he knows better. In what ways have you accused God, saying, "you didn't do this right"? Though He gives us permission to approach Him, we ought to recognize God's "woes" He also warns us with. What might you ask God for in the midst of your questioning, doubts, and accusing?

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Your Life Mission

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the P.R.A.Y. model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer Yielding with Thanksgiving for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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